

#### **MINUTES**

# CITY OF SCOTTSDALE POLICE LOCAL BOARD OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS) REGULAR MEETING

11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 20, 2009 Human Resources Verde Room 7575 E. Main Street Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

**PRESENT:** Jack Cross, Chairman/Mayoral Designee

James Butera, Elected Member Jeffrey Walther, Elected Member

**ABSENT:** Jeffrey Burg, Citizen Member

La Verne Parker Diggs, Citizen Member/Merit Head

STAFF: Ken Nemec

Chanda Washington

### Call to order:

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. He stated that the first order of business was the acknowledgement of Board Members Burg and Parker Diggs' excused absences.

He noted that Board Member Parker Diggs may have conflicting scheduling issues and once confirmed staff would explore changing the Fire and Police Local Board's monthly meetings.

#### Roll call:

A formal roll call confirmed the members present as stated above.

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes—July 16, 2009.

BOARD MEMBER WALTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2009 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BUTERA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

2. Induction of New Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS.

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Chairman Cross noted that the PSPRS Police Induction List indicates that Police Officer Steven Dilullo has a pre-existing condition.

BOARD MEMBER BUTERA MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS JASON CALLIES AND STEVEN DILULLO INTO PSPRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE MEMBERSHIP DATE OF JULY 25, 2009 AND WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS NOTED FOR OFFICER DILULLO AND NONE FOR OFFICER CALLIES. BOARD MEMBER WALTHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

3. Discussion and Vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Application of Commander Michael Rosenberger.

Chairman Cross explained that some retirement applicants are able to make an extra DROP payment within the three-year time frame required by the statute.

Ms. Washington clarified that the Payroll Department helps the applicants figure out how to get an extra pay period within the allowed time frame if possible.

BOARD MEMBER WALTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN APPLICATION OF COMMANDER MICHAEL ROSENBERGER SUBJECT TO FINAL PAYROLL CALCULATIONS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS. BOARD MEMBER BUTERA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

4. Discussion and Vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Application of Police Officer Gregory Carlin.

Ms. Washington confirmed that the DROP application of Police Officer Gregory Carlin was in order.

BOARD MEMBER BUTERA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER GREGORY CARLIN SUBJECT TO FINAL PAYROLL CALCULATIONS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS. BOARD MEMBER WALTHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

5. Discussion and Vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Application of Police Lieutenant Frank O'Halloran.

Ms. Washington confirmed that the DROP application of Police Lieutenant Frank O'Halloran was in order and pointed out that his legal name is Francis O'Halloran.

BOARD MEMBER WALTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN APPLICATION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT FRANK O'HALLORAN SUBJECT TO FINAL PAYROLL CALCULATIONS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS. BOARD MEMBER BUTERA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

6. Discussion and Vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan)
Termination and Normal Retirement Application of Police Officer Mary Jo Hall.

Chairman Cross reported that Police Officer Mary Jo Hall had decided to retire and expressed the Board's appreciation of her 22 years of service to the citizens of Scottsdale.

BOARD MEMBER BUTERA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN TERMINATION REQUEST OF POLICE OFFICER MARY JO HALL, AND TO APPROVE HER NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, SUBJECT TO FINAL PAYROLL CALCULATIONS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS. THE MONTHLY PENSION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS APPLICATION IS \$2,691.13 TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 31, 2009. BOARD MEMBER WALTHER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

7. Discussion and Vote on the Application for Guardian Benefit and Eligible Child Benefit Completed by Jeanne Chavez as Guardian of Elizabeth Lorzell, Daughter of Deceased PSPRS Retiree Jeffrey L. Lorzell.

Chairman Cross confirmed that the application for guardian and eligible child benefits of deceased PSPRS retiree Jeffrey L. Lorzell was in order. The statute requires that a child be a full-time student under the age of 23.

Chairman Cross noted that the benefits were to be awarded to Jeanne Chavez who has presented tax return documents proving that she claims this 21-year-old eligible child as her dependent. Elizabeth Lorzell submitted documentation proving that she was registered as a full-time student.

He stated that some eligible children who are close to the age of 23 become independent of their parents and sometimes request that the Board appoint them their own guardian in order for the entire benefits to be paid to the child.

Ms. Washington explained that the guardian benefit was in the amount of \$2,260.70 and the eligible child benefit was \$282.59.

Board Members noted that Jeanne Chavez was divorced at the time of PSPRS retiree Jeffrey L. Lorzell's death.

In response to Board Member Walther's inquiry regarding whether the child would receive both benefits once she was on her own, Chairman Cross confirmed that she would only receive both benefits until 23 years of age. If a child was disabled before the age of 18, the child benefits would continue indefinitely. Ms. Washington pointed out that Elizabeth Lorzell would receive both benefits until she finishes college.

Board Member Butera inquired whether the ex-spouse was transferring the guardian benefits over to the two surviving sons in the change of beneficiary designation section of the application.

Chairman Cross explained that if there were benefits left in the deceased individual's account and there was no eligible child to be paid, the balance would be paid to the surviving children over the age of 23. He confirmed that there were no monies left in

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deceased PSPRS retiree Jeffrey L. Lorzell's account and there was one surviving child to be paid benefits.

Ms. Washington reported that the PSPRS informed her that if something happens to Jeanne Chavez before Elizabeth Lorzell graduates or turns 23, the Board would have to designate a new guardian.

In response to Mr. Nemec's inquiry, Ms. Washington confirmed that this guardianship would continue for approximately one year and three months.

BOARD MEMBER WALTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE GUARDIAN AND ELIGIBLE CHILD BENEFITS OF DECEASED OFFICER JEFFREY L. LORZELL. BOARD MEMBER BUTERA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BURG AND PARKER DIGGS WERE ABSENT.

#### 8. Motion to Recess into Executive Session

Chairman Cross deemed it unnecessary to go into Executive Session.

## 9. Staff Report on Surviving Spouse Benefits.

Ms. Washington reported that the PSPRS informed staff about the passing away of Lois A. Roseberry, surviving spouse of former employee Henry Mulch, on July 5, 2009. She stated that there were no funds left in Mr. Mulch's account.

## 10. Board Suggestions for Upcoming Agenda Items.

In response to Board Member Butera's inquiry, Chairman Cross said that the Board would discuss how to accommodate Board Member Parker Diggs' schedule once staff have confirmed it. Staff will email the Board members a list of the best possible meeting dates.

The ensuing discussion confirmed that Thursdays are still the best meeting days for Chairman Cross and Board Members Butera and Walther.

# ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: REVIEWED BY:

Ken Nemec Jack Cross

PSPRS Police Local Board Secretary PSPRS Chairman/Mayoral Designee